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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

*Grant to the Victoria Memorial Orphanage and Victoria Memorial Scheduled Castes Hostels, Vriddhachalam taluk.*

* 1375 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of grant given to the Victoria Memorial Orphanage and Victoria Memorial Labour Hostels in Vriddhachalam taluk;

(*b*) how many boarders (boys and girls) are maintained by these two hostels from the grant given by the Government; and

(*c*) what are the names of the persons who get grant from the Government for the maintenance of these two hostels referred to above?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The hon. Member apparently refers to Victory Memorial Orphanage aided by the Education Department and the Victory Memorial Scheduled Hostel aided by the Harijan Welfare Department. The former Orphanage received a grant of Rs. 1,509 from the Education Department during 1952–53 and the latter hostel received a grant of Rs. 12,900 during 1953–54 from the Harijan Welfare Department.

" (*b*) 29 and 94 boys respectively. There are no girl boarders in these hostels.

" (*c*) Sri P. Vedamanickam, the Manager of the two institutions, receives the grants paid to them."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" மேற்படி தாலூகாவில் ஒரே ஹாஸ்டல் இருப்பதனுல், இதை சர்க்கார் எடுத்து நடத்த முடியுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If there is any mismanagement in the affairs of this hostel, certainly the Government will consider the question of taking it over."

*Extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of rice cultivation.*

* 1376 *Q.*—SRI L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 11-10 a.m.

(*a*) the extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of cultivation of rice in 1953 ; and

(*b*) what has been the net total increase in the yield?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of rice cultivation as modified to suit local conditions in this State during 1953–54 was 12,893 acres up to January 1954. The number of Demonstration Plots on cultivators' fields was 9,962 up to January 1954.

(b) The average increased yield per acre by the adoption of the modified method in the Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli, South Kanara and Malabar districts as compared to no manure or local treatments ranged from 22 per cent to 58 per cent. Six farmers, who secured the highest yields under the modified method, secured yields ranging from 6,500 lb. per acre to 9,625 lb. per acre.''

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—'' In view of the popularity of the Japanese method of cultivation, will the Government give more publicity and appoint more maistris to see that more ryots take to this method of cultivation? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government have been taking all necessary steps. The Government of India are also interested in this. But it is for the ryots to get enthusiastic about this and take advantage of the facilities available.''

SRI L. C. PAIS :—'' Are the Government aware that the persons who carry on the Japanese method of cultivation are severely handicapped at present for want of chemical manure? First they said that ammonium sulphate has to be taken along with some other thing as a mixture. Subsequently they said that this mixture was also not available. Cultivation according to this method cannot be carried on without proper chemical manures and this is my experience. May I know whether the Government will look into the matter? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, there is a general shortage of chemical manures and we have been trying to get whatever we can from the Central pool and we have been distributing the same among all the districts.''

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—'' ஜப்பான் நாட்டில் குறைந்த புவர் உள்ள மெஷின்களை வைத்துக்கொண்டு சிறிய நிலங்களுக்கு உபயோகப்படுத்துவதுபோல், சென்னை சர்க்காரும் இதுமாதிரியான சாதனங்களைப் பயன்படுத்துவதற்கான நிலைமையை ஏற்படுத்துமா? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I do not know what machinery the hon. Member refers to. The Government have been trying to get some of the implements made locally so that it may be available easily for the average ryots.''

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—'' The Hon. Minister has given us figures relating to the area of land cultivated under this particular method of cultivation. Does it compare favourably with the amount of chemical manures imported into the State? If not, will the Government come to the conclusion that the chemical manures are not going to proper parties? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government have no doubt that if this method is properly adopted, it would lead to better results for the ryots. I have had

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occasion to visit some of the private farms in the South Arcot district recently. Some of the ryots have explained to me how much they stand to gain by adopting this method.''

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Is it not a fact that the private ryots who have taken to the Japanese method of cultivation in the Chingleput district have come to the conclusion that it is a total failure and the expenditure incurred on it is not commensurate with the yield and have written to the Government to that effect? ''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I am afraid that the hon. Member has very little contact with the ryots of the Chingleput district. I do not have any communication from them. On the other hand, I know that private ryots are even more enthusiastic about this method than the Agricultural department.''

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—'' I respectfully differ from the hon. Member Sri Vinayakam. I am a practical agriculturist in Chingleput district and I know the advantages gained by this method.''

Sri M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—'' Is it not a fact that this method is unattractive for small cultivators in view of the huge cost involved? ''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The increased cost of cultivation is compensated to a great extent by the increased yield.''

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—'' சாதாரணமுறை சாகுபடிக்கும் ஜப்பான் முறை சாகுபடிக்கும என்னென்ன வித்தியாசங்கள் இருக்கின்றன? அந்த விததியாசங்களை நீக்குவதற்கு உதவி செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா?''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government have been giving aid by way of loans for buying manures. This is all the aid that the Government can give.''

*Acquisition of land for the extension of the cheri in Kachirayapalayam, South Arcot district.*

* 1377 *Q.*—Sri L. ANANDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have authorized the District Welfare Officer, South Arcot, to acquire the fields, R.S. No. 22/2 and others in Kachirayapalayam village in Kallakurichi taluk, for the extension of the cheri;

(*b*) whether the said officer has now recommended a different site; and

(*c*) the action taken towards the acquisition of the site mentioned in clause (*a*) above?